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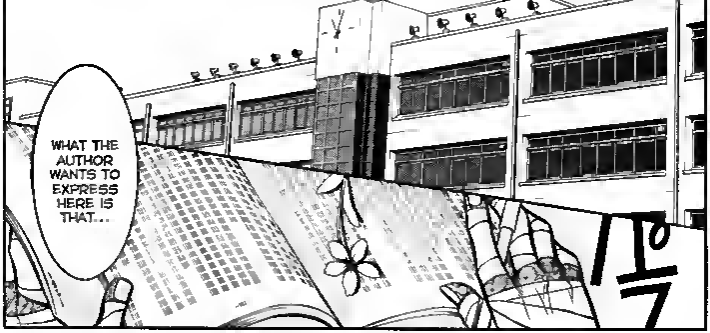

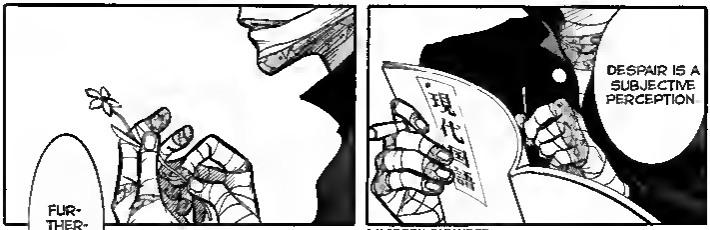

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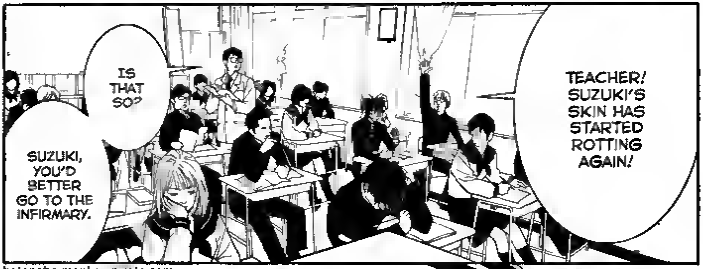

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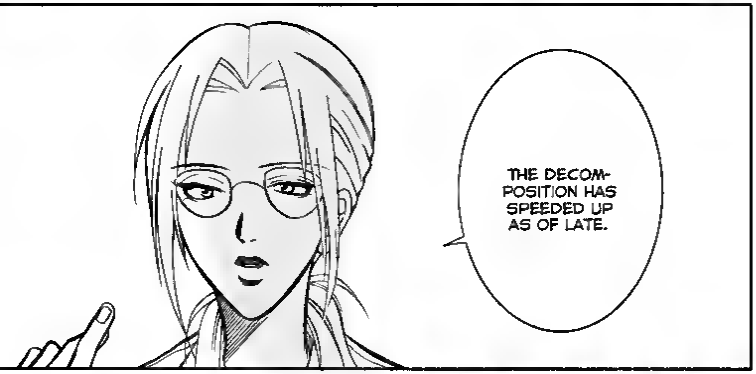
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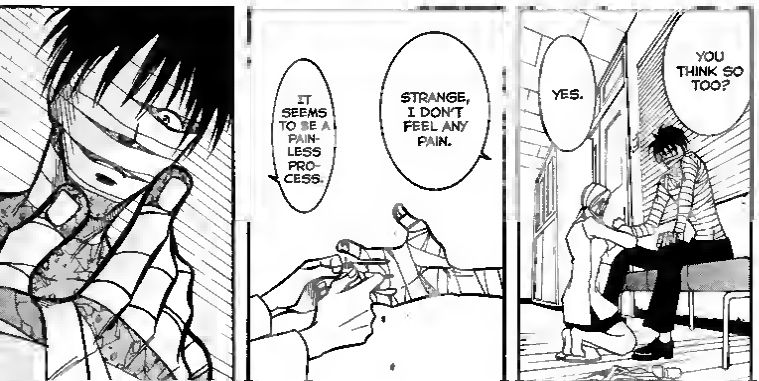
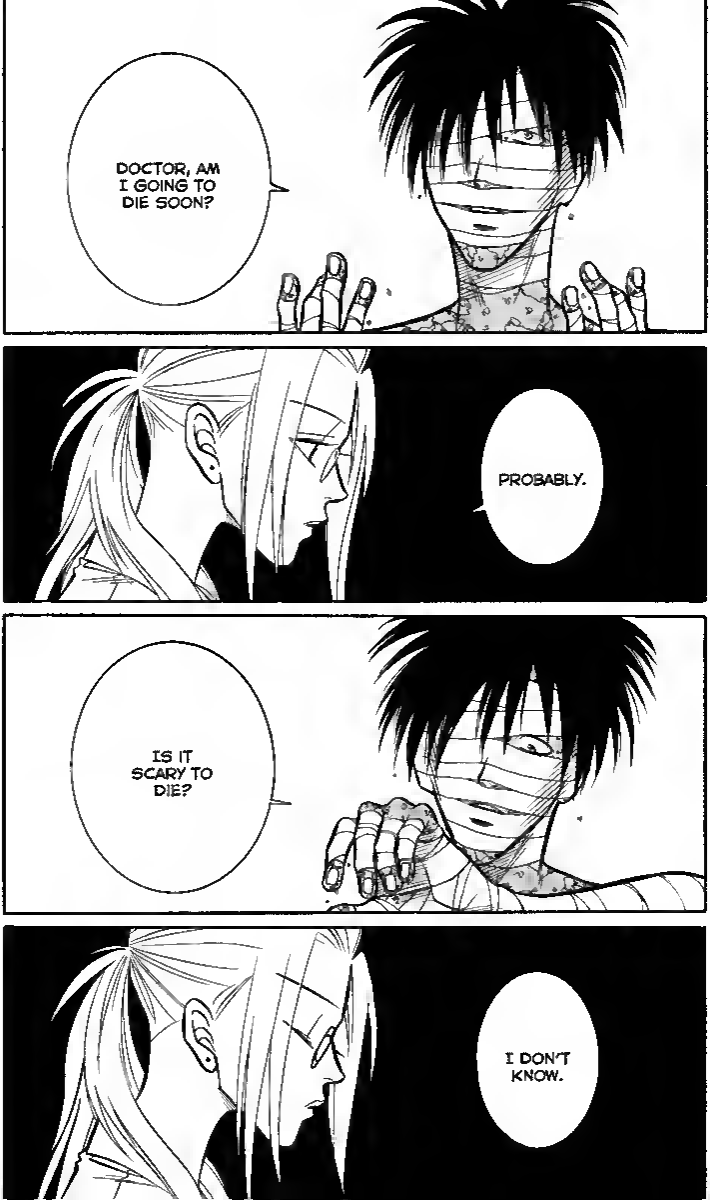

IT SEEMS TO BE A PAINLESS PROCESS.
STRANGE, I DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN.
YES.
YOU THINK SO TOO?


DOCTOR, AM I GOING TO DIE SOON?
PROBABLY.
IS IT SCARY TO DIE?
I DON'T KNOW.

SUZUKI
WELL THEN, SEE YOU NEXT TIME.
THANK YOU.
ALRIGHT, IT'S DONE.
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
IT'S A DIRTY JOB YOU KEEP ON HAVING TO DO BECAUSE OF ME.
IT'S NOT DIRTY AT ALL.

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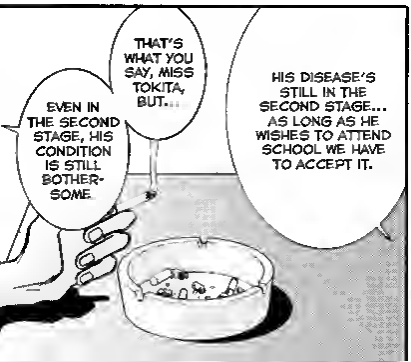
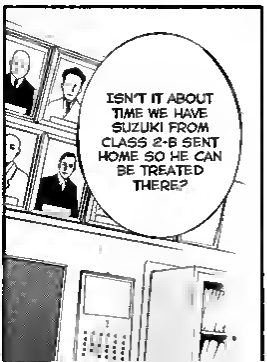
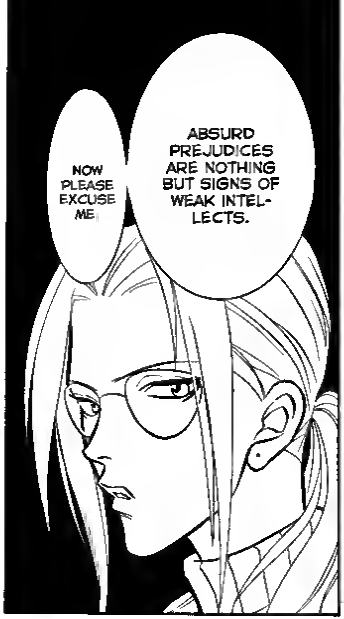
Necro-phagic Geomor-phitis...
initial symptoms: Aging and decay of the surface of the skin
A mysterious disease in which the skin rots into soil. As the disease pro-gresses, it reaches and invedes the internal organs,
causing cells to slowly decay and ilterally return to the earth.
Up to the present
there is no known antidote.
A newly discovered virus, which exists in soil, is suspected of being the disease's cause. However, due to the contrac-tion of NPG being extremely rare, medical research is difficult.
The first case of NPG was detected two years ago in Japan. The patient died within six months. So far, three cases, all ending in deaths, are known.

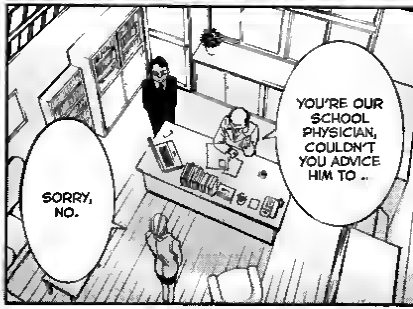
That's all.
The only thing one can do...
Is to wait for death

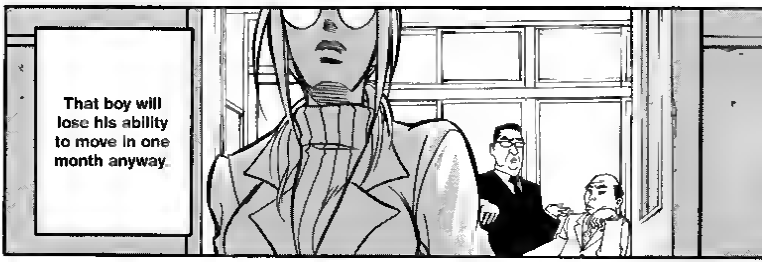

EVEN IN THE SECOND STAGE, HIS CONDITION IS STILL BOTHER-SOME.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY, MISS TOKITA, BUT...
HIS DISEASE'S STILL IN THE SECOND STAGE... AS LONG AS HE WISHES TO ATTEND SCHOOL WE HAVE TO ACCEPT IT.


ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE HAVE SUZUKI FROM CLASS 2-B SENT HOME SO HE CAN BE TREATED THERE?


NOW PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
ABSURD PREJUDICES ARE NOTHING BUT SIGNS OF WEAK INTELLECTS.

YES, WE KNOW THAT. HOWEVER, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR SOCIETY ISN'T VERY TOLERANT WHEN IT COMES TO THIS DISEASE.
BUT HIS SICKNESS IS ABSOLUTELY NONCONTAGIOUS...


SORRY, NO.
YOU'RE OUR SCHOOL PHYSICIAN, COULDN'T YOU ADVICE HIM TO ..

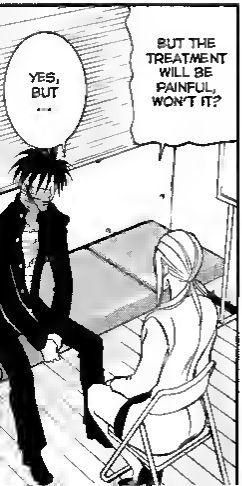

That boy will lose his ability to move in one month anyway.

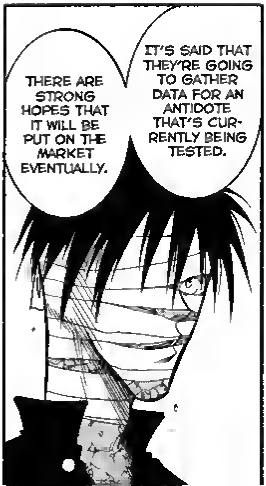
DOCTOR, IS IT SCARY TO DIE?

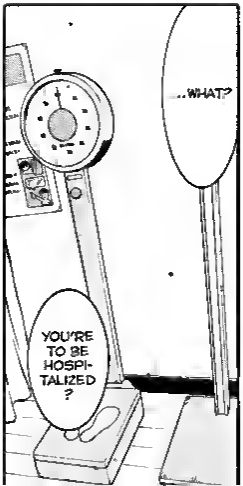
DOCTOR!
I'm the one who's scared
HELLO, SUZUKI.
ARE YOU LEAVING?
YOUR FLOWERS ARE BEAUTIFUL.
HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD THAT?
SHE JUST PRAISED YOU.
HAHA

I LOVE FLOWERS...
THAT'S PRETTY RARE FOR A BOY.
ONE WOULD ALMOST THINK THEY WERE YOUR OWN CHILDREN
WHY DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS SO MUCH, SUZUKI?
I WISH...
I COULD BLOOM LIKE THEM.
THAT'S A FORM OF PERFECTION, DON'T YOU THINK?
BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOAL FROM THEIR BIRTH ON: "TO BLOOM."

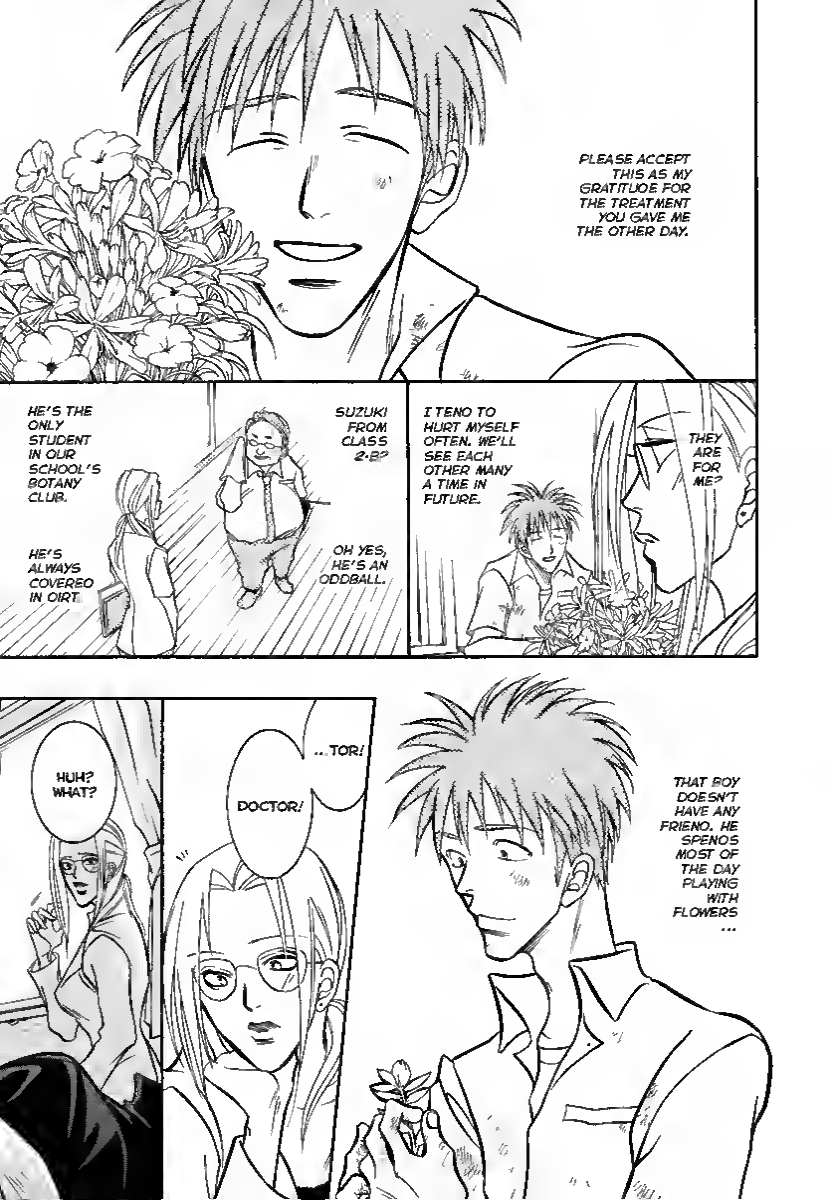
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS BORN.


YES, BUT ...
BUT THE TREATMENT WILL BE PAINFUL, WON'T IT?


THERE ARE STRONG HOPES THAT IT WILL BE PUT ON THE MARKET EVENTUALLY.
IT'S SAID THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GATHER DATA FOR AN ANTIDOTE THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING TESTED.


...WHAT?
YOU'RE TO BE HOSPITALIZED?

I SEE.
IT MAY PROVE VALUABLE FOR FUTURE PATIENTS
I WANT TO LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND, EVEN IF IT'S JUST TEST DATA.
I'M JUST SAD BECAUSE I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU FOR A WHILE
I'M TOLD THAT, IN CASE THE ANTIDOTE WORKS, MY DISEASE COULD BE CURED
SURE
WILL YOU WAKE ME UP ONCE THE LESSON'S OVER?
OKAY
YOU'VE GOT A SLIGHT TEMPERATURE.
YOU'D BETTER SKIP YOUR NEXT LESSON AND REST HERE.
DOCTOR!
We won't see each other again, will we?


PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE TREATMENT YOU GAVE ME THE OTHER DAY.
THEY ARE FOR ME?
I TENO TO HURT MYSELF OFTEN. WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER MANY A TIME IN FUTURE.
SUZUKI FROM CLASS 2-B?
HE'S THE ONLY STUDENT IN OUR SCHOOL'S BOTANY CLUB.
OH YES, HE'S AN ODDBALL.
HE'S ALWAYS COVERED IN DIRT.
THAT BOY DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIEND. HE SPENDS MOST OF THE DAY PLAYING WITH FLOWERS ...
.. TOR!
DOCTOR!
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HUH? WHAT?

CAN YOU HOLD MY HAND?

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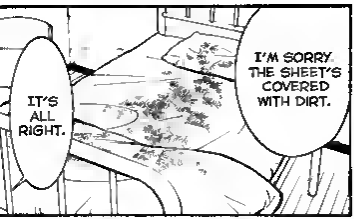
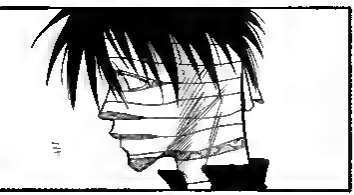
DOCTOR...
ARE YOU DOING THIS OUT OF PITY?

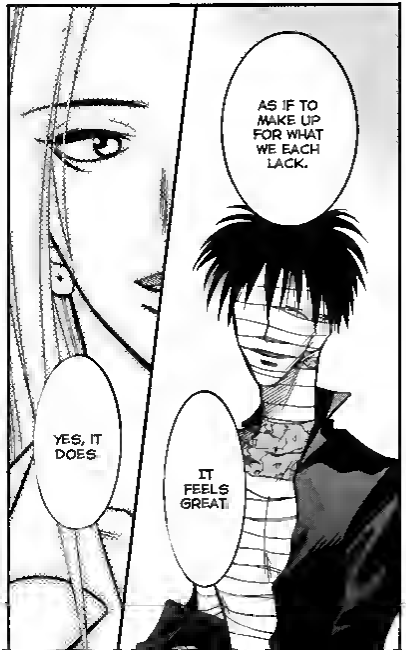
BUT YOU'LL GET DIRTY ...
DO YOU REALLY THINK SOMEONE'D DO THIS JUST OUT OF PITY?
OKAY.
WE'LL DO IT SLOWLY, SO YOUR BODY WON'T GET WORN OUT.
HUH?
LET ME UNDRESS YOU.
UH
I'VE WANTED TO DO THIS FOR A LONG TIME, YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE GOOD
DOC-TOR ...
AAH ...
YES, KEEP MOVING IN THIS POSI-TION.
YES, JUST LIKE THAT.

ARE YOU EXHAUSTED?
I'M FINE.
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME.
HUMAN BODIES ARE MADE TO CLING TOGETHER PERFECTLY...

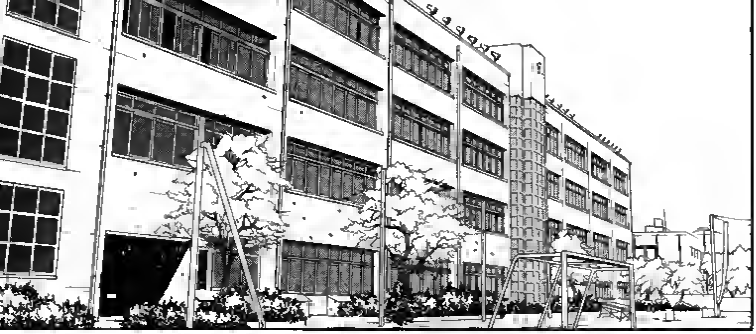

I'M SORRY. THE SHEET'S COVERED WITH DIRT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

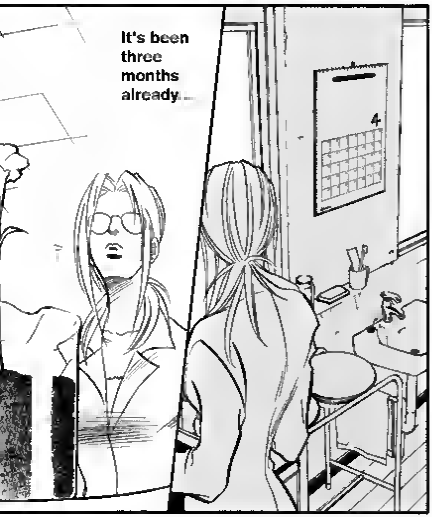


COULD YOU HAND ME THAT BEAKER OVER THERE?
THIS ONE?


AS IF TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT WE EACH LACK.
IT FEELS GREAT.
YES, IT DOES.

I PICKED UP SOME FLOWER SEEDS YESTERDAY.
I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM BLOOM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AN EXPERIMENT.
COULD YOU LOOK AFTER THEM FOR ME?
SURE.
BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO COME BACK BY THE TIME THEY BLOOM.
LET'S MAKE LOVE AGAIN ONCE I'M BACK.
ALL RIGHT
I PROMISE

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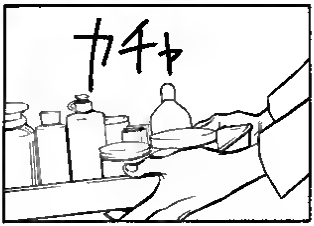
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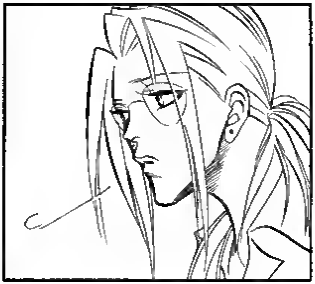

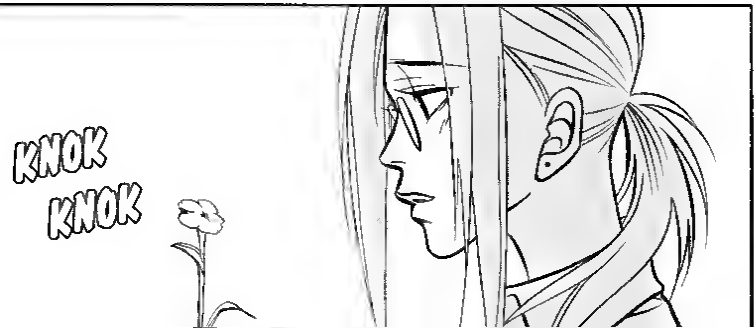
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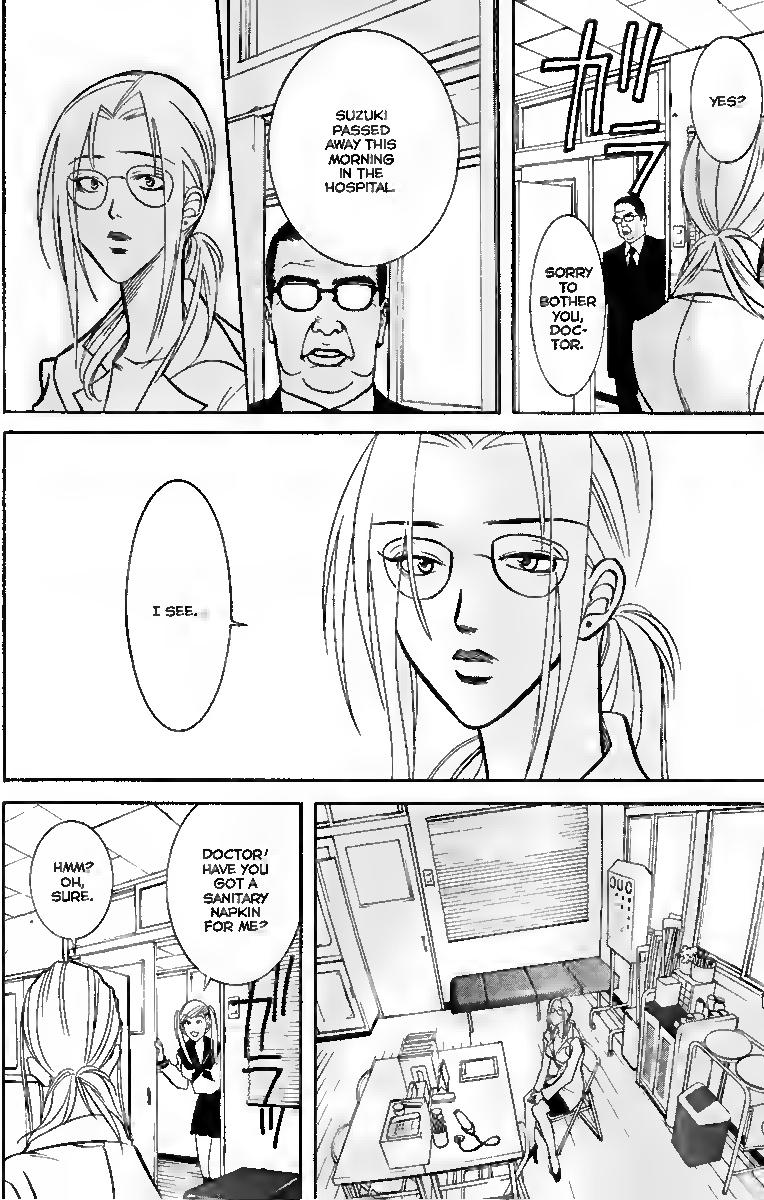
SUZUKI PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING IN THE HOSPITAL.
YES?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, DOC-TOR.
I SEE.
DOCTOR! HAVE YOU GOT A SANITARY NAPKIN FOR ME?
HMM? OH, SURE.

I WILL, THANKS.
YOU'D BETTER BRING SOME YOURSELF NEXT TIME
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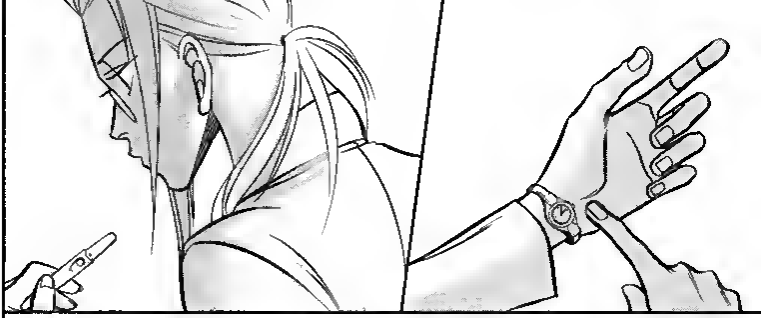

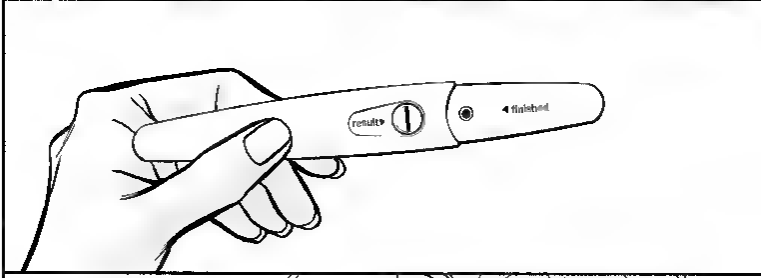
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SO YOU, TOO, HAVE "BLOOMED" AFTER ALL!

Your presence alone...
filled my heart with happi-ness
You know, Suzuki
You were looking for a goal in life...
but I don't think that's really nec-essary

That's enough for me.
Maybe that's what it means to live.
NOW HOW SHOULD WE EXPLAIN THIS TO OTHER PEOPLE?
THAT THIS IS THE FATHER.
TELL ME, SUZUKI.
The End